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Department Concerning the Peace Negotiations
between China and Japan by the Intermediation of
the German Government (made on January 19, 1938)

Our government's policy not to refuse it if the
National Government expresses a desire to settle the matter
sincerely, has been already explained to the Ambassadors of
the countries concerned who were in Tokyo. In the early
winter of last year there was a friendly proposal from the
German Ambassador in Tokyo stating that the German Govern-
ment was willing to act as intermediary in the negotiation
between China and Japan, as the National Government wanted
to make peace with Imperial Japan. The Imperial Government,
in view of the above-mentioned policy, accepted these kind
intentions and gave the National Government the last chance
of reflecting by presenting through the German Ambassador
the equitable terms which Japan considered absolutely neces-
sary for the settlement of this incident in order to establish
eternal peace in East Asia. But the said government, dis-
regarding our generosity as well as the kind intentions of
the German Government, never gave us any sincere reply.
Therefore the Imperial Government has been forced to deal

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with the incident from an independent standpoint without paying any attention to the said government, as shown in the statement made on 14th of January, though the Imperial Government is deeply grateful for the well-intended mediation of the German Government as well as the considerable services of the German Ambassadors in Tokyo and China.

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I, HAYASHI, Kaoru, Chief of Archives Section, Japanese Foreign Office, hereby certify that the document hereto attached in Japanese consisting of 1 page and entitled "The statement of the Chief of the Intelligence Department Concerning the Peace Negotiations between China and Japan by the Intermediation of the German Government (made on January 19, 1938)" is an exact and true copy of an official document of the Japanese Foreign Office.

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on this 8th day of April 1947.

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清鐵部長談

(昭和十三年一月十九日)

國民政府力職意ヲ以テ事件解決ノ希望ヲ申出テ來ルナラハ之ヲ拒ムモノ
ニアラストノ政府ノ方針ハ豫テ在京滿鐵國大使ニ說明シテ置イタ處デア
ルカ客年初冬在京滿鐵大使ヨリ國民政府ニ於テハ帝國ト平和ノ希望アリ
滿鐵國政府ニ於テハ日支兩國間ニ直接交渉ノ橋渡シヲナスヘキ旨ノ好意
的申出カアツタ帝國政府ニ於テハ前記方針ニ鑑ミ其ノ好意ヲ享ケ在京獨
逸大使ヲ通シ今次事變ノ解決ニ當リ東亞永遠ノ平和確立上日本側ニ於テ
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等對案アル回答ヲナシ來ラサリシ爲帝國政府ニ於テモ遂ニ一月十六日盛
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ヲ得サルニ至ツタ次第アルカ獨逸政府ノ好意的對處並ニ在支及在京獨
逸大使ノ多大ノ盡力ハ帝國政府ノ殊ク感謝シテ居ル所デアル

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